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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FRENCH EMBOFF SOUCHE

1. FRENCH EMBOFF (SOUCHE) CALLED ON AF/E DIRECTOR
DEC 7 TO GIVE RUNDOWN OF VICE PRESIDENT HUSSEIN KULMIE
AFRAH'S PARIS CONTACTS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT THERE.
VP HUSSEIN WAS RECEIVED BY GISCARD AS WELL AS HAVING DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD. HUSSEIN
PERVAYED NOW STANDARD SOMALI LINE ABOUT THEIR NEED FOR
MILITARY SUPPORT IN THE FACE OF AN IMMINENT ETHIOPIAN
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COUNTEROFFENSIVE, AS WELL AS A PLEA FOR ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE. SOUCHE SAID HIS REPORT ON MEETING WITH GISCARD
COVERED ONLY POINTS MADE BY HUSSEIN, NOT GISCARD'S RESPONSE.
CONSEQUENTLY HE DID NOT KNOW GISCARD'S RESPONSE ON REQUEST
FOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID.

2. VP HUSSEIN PRESENTED SOMALI PROBLEMS WITH KENYA IN A

NEW LIGHT IN CONVERSATION WITH DE GUIRINGAUD. HUSSEIN CLAIMED THAT KENYATTA WAS NOW UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF "PROGRESSIVE" OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO KENYAN POLICIES TOWARD SOMALIA. THE FACT THAT THESE "PROGRESSIVE" OFFICERS HAVE KENYATTA'S EAR, ACCORDING TO HUSSEIN, PROVIDES FERTILE GROUND FOR THE SOVIETS IN KENYA. HUSSEIN

CONTENDED THAT SOMALIA WAS CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIETS PLAYED A ROLE BEHIND THE SCENES IN SECURING KENYAN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE USE OF MOMBASA FOR THE PASSAGE OF ETHIOPIAN MILITARY SUPPLIES.

3. ON A SEPARATE TOPIC, SOUCHE REVEALED THAT THE ANGOLANS HAVE TOLD THE FRENCH THAT AROUND A MONTH AGO NETO HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE CUBANS OF THEIR PLANS TO TRANSFER A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF TROOPS FROM ANGOLA TO ETHIOPIA. NETO REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO PERMIT THE DEPARTURE OF ADDITIONAL CUBAN TROOPS FOR USE IN ETHIOPIA.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AMPLIFICATION OF FOREGOING WHICH EMBASSY PARIS CAN PROVIDE. CHRISTOPHER

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